

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (46-55359)

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DATE: 9/8/69

FROM : Legat, Bern (46-10)

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
AND FIELD OFFICES
ADVISED BY ROUTING
SLIP(S) DATE 9/9/69

SUBJECT: ANDREW L. STONE, ETAL
FAG - CONSPIRACY

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
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ReBERlet 9/5/69.

ON 10-20-84

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On 9/4/69 GERARD F. CHARIG, U.S. Department of Justice Civil Division representative stationed at the American Consulate General, Munich, Germany, visited this office. He stated that he was in Bern to obtain an official statement from [redacted] for use in the trial in this case which would show that it is not possible under Swiss law for a U. S. official to obtain a deposition from a Swiss citizen in Switzerland.

In the course of CHARIG's visit he volunteered the following information:

During a conference with U. S. officials, [redacted]

[redacted] had remarked that if the United States wished to use its position as the injured party in the investigation being conducted against [redacted]

[redacted] the U. S. would, according to Swiss law, have access to far more information in the form of bank and business records than if the U. S. tried to obtain information by means of international legal aid, especially in view of the non-existence of a treaty in this respect. (See BERlet 10/25/68).

Through this method the United States has been able to obtain considerable information concerning ROSENBAUM. Although the U. S. was not directly involved in the matter, CHARIG had been informed by [redacted]

[redacted] that they had unearthed another case of fraud on the

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part of ROSENBAUM. An American by the name of FRANCIS VITELLO, 95 Maplewood Street, West Roxbury, Massachusetts had a sizeable bank account in the bank with which [] was associated in Aarau, the capital of the Canton of Aargau. VITELLO, according to CHARIG, was a member of the Mafia in the United States.

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Some time ago, the bank received an order in VITELLO's name to transfer one million dollars to the International Credit Bank in Geneva, of which TIBOR ROSENBAUM [] is president. [] probably since he did not wish to lose so much capital at the same time, was slow in transferring the sum. He was reminded by a letter from Geneva, also ostensibly from VITELLO, asking why the money hadn't been transferred. Still attempting to drag his feet in this matter, [] transferred only \$702,000 which was picked up in cash by an individual who appeared at the International Credit Bank.

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From later communications with VITELLO, [] learned that the transfer order and letter were forged by ROSENBAUM. The money defrauded was allegedly later returned by ROSENBAUM.

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In reBERlet, question No. 1 of [] concerned the identity of VITELLO. [] remarked that he could not understand why VITELLO did not want the case of fraud perpetrated against him by ROSENBAUM investigated. It seems possible that VITELLO did not desire the investigation since any publicity would show that he, allegedly a member of the Mafia in the U. S., had a large bank account in Switzerland, which is the classic situation. (S)(u)

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CHARIG was highly amused that ROSENBAUM had the gall to attempt to defraud a member of the Mafia of one million dollars.

For information.

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